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1. SWEDISH MEDIA HAVE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE TO PARIS EVENTS, BUT SO FAR ONLY STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE WITHOUT COMMENTS OR EDITORIALS.

2. MAIN PRESS ATTENTION MARCH 6 CENTERED AROUND PRESIDENT NIXON'S MEETINGS WITH NIKOLAI PODGORNYY, WILLY BRANDT, AND HAROLD WILSON. MARCH 7 BIGGEST STORY WAS PRESIDENT NIXON'S BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME. SVENSKA DAGBLADET RAN FIRST-PAGE STORY WITH THREE-COLUMN HEADLINE "VERY CORDIAL MEETING AT PARIS OF NIXON-PALME." IT QUOTED SWEDISH SOURCES WHO SAID THAT BOTH HEADS OF STATE HAD EXPRESSED

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SATISFACTION OVER NORMALIZATION OF SWEDISH-AMERICAN

RELATIONS, WITH "GOOD AND SKILLFUL" AMBASSADORS ABOUT
TO BE EXCHANGED.

3. SVENSKA DAGBLADET AND DAGENS NYHETER ON MARCH 8
REPORTED POLITICAL BREAKFAST OF NIXON AND PODGORNÝ
AND QUOTED DEPT. SPOKESMAN SAYING PRESIDENT NIXON'S
PLANNED TRIP TO MOSCOW WAS DISCUSSED, AS WERE SALT
NEGOTIATIONS, THE MIDEAST CONFLICT AND EMIGRATION OF
SOVIET JEWS.
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